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Sur-and Firstname: LANGER, Franz Rudolf

Period of Investigation : 22 March 1949 through 26 March 1949

Investigation conducted by : Richard HEINZ

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1. Family Background

Franz R. LANGER is born on 1 September 1923 at Gastorf near Leitmeritz/Czechoslovakia, as son of Franz Langer and his wife Anna Langer-Kotteck. The applicant's father lives in the Russian zone and his mother is deceased, but no certain information about the applicant's family could be obtained. According to the listed reference, Martha STUMM, the applicant had one younger sister who was killed by the Russians at the end of the war. At the Town Hall at Boeblingen could be obtained that the applicant was asked from some office in the Russian zone, where his father is living, to pay him a monthly assistance as he is not able to work for his living, but the applicant refused to do so. He proved his refusal that his salary is too low.

2. Birth

According to the applicant's own statements at the Town Hall at Boeblingen, he is born on 1 September 1923 at Gastorf near Leitmeritz/Czechoslovakia. As all refugees, he is stateless.

3. Education

The applicant's own statements are that he attended the elementary school at Gastorf from 1930 until 1934 and thereafter the secondary highschool from 1934 until 1937. This information could not be proved by any official document, and he also could not show any certificate.

4. Employment

Langer was employed as a waiter from October 1938 until January 1940 with several hotels in Gastorf. From 10 February 1942 to 17 April 1942 he worked with the dentist Theodor URBAN at Kochovice near Gastorf and was ordered to the army in April 1942. In 1945 he was in an American prisoncamp at Boeblingen and was released there in February 1946.

From 21 May 1946 until June 1946 he was employed with the 310th Ordnance Batl., Air Field, Boeblingen. As a kitchen help he was working with the 72th Constabulary Regt. from 26 June until 14 September 1946, and was taken over by the German firm which moved into the barracks after the American unit left.

On 9 June 1947 the applicant was hired as a guard by the Police Department at Stuttgart and was released there on 1 August 1948 because of reduction of personnel.

5. References.

Listed reference Martha THUMM, 58 years old, living at Boeblingen, No. 19 Schillerstr., stated that the applicant had rented a room in her house for almost two years. She described him as reserved. He never said anything about his parents, but that his father is living in the Russian zone. She never had any trouble with the applicant but does not know him well enough to make any statements about his character.

Unlisted reference Gottlob BITZER, a former roomer of the applicant was visited at Boeblingen, 30 Karlstrasse, and stated that Langer lived in his house in 1946, when he still was working for an American unit. One day, three American soldiers came to search the

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applicant's room . They found American property and took Langer with them. After several days he returned and moved out of his room. Reference Bitzer described the applicant as pert and insolent.

Unlisted reference Karl HUBER stated that the applicant has rented a room of his apartment since February 1948. He cannot say anything detrimental about him, however he does not know him well enough to judge his character.

Unlisted reference Josef NEUHAUSER, 34 years old, policeman, was the former superior of the applicant. He knew him since June 1947. He stated that Langer has an unfathomable character and he described him as unreliable and pert. He neglected his work as guard and always used the excuse that he had an order from one of the American which preferred him because he could speak english. Langer was disliked by all of the other guards.

During the investigation at Sindelfingen, it could be obtained that the applicant is engaged to the 18 years old Sigrid BOEHRINGER, who was listed as reference. The family Boehringer are well regarded people.

Listed reference Lotti Hoettenhofer was not visited as she lives in the french zone.

6. Credit

It could not be obtained that the applicant has a bank account. According to the references he is not known as saving.

7. Police

The applicant was living at Gastorf/Czechoslovakia from birth on untill 1942 when he had to join the army. This is the own statement of Langer and could not be proved by any official document. Since his release from American prisonment in February 1946, he is registered as living at Boeblingen.

8. Summary

The applicant is born on 1 September 1923 at Gastorf/Czechoslovakia and attended there the elementary- and secondary highschool. After he finished school, he was employed for a short time with a radio shop and thereafter he was working for 1 1/4 years as a waiter at several hotels, and 2 month with a dentist as apprentice. In 1942 he was ordered to the army and was released in 1946 from American prisonment. After release he was working for different American units at Boeblingen as a common laborer and kitchen help. According to reference Bitzer and to the police files, Langer was taken in jail from 9 May 1946 untill 15 May 1946 for illegal possession of American property.

With the files of the police department at Stuttgart is a letter of recommendation from Major General WHITE, which states that the applicant is very conscientious and dependable. According to the conducted investigations about Langer, this letter must be a mistake as the applicant's superior, NEUHAUSER, stated that the applicant neglected his work continually.

It could not be obtained if the applicant has political or religious interests.

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